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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting open to the public, was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center, 2200 Show Low Lake Road, Show Low Arizona, 85901.

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

Chair Mannis called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Members present were Chair Mannis, Vice Chair Meyer, Kristalei Baskins, Kirk Grugel, Nestor Montoya, Jeffrey Northup, and telephonically Cathy Taylor. Members absent were Claude Endfield, Betsy Peck and Margie Tapia.

Member Report and Updates

Chair Mannis asked for member reports and updates. Member Baskins reported that the Blue Ridge School District is holding an open meeting on Saturday January 11th at 8:00 am in the district boardroom to discuss what is going on since the loss of override funding. Member Northup told the group he attended a meeting held by Arizona Department of Health Services on improving Arizona birth outcomes. He said the meeting was well attended. Member Meyer said that the Healthy Steps Office has new personnel including Dr. Janet Blackham, a Neuro Developmental Psychologist who is working with children 0-5. Virginia Turner reported that the ad hoc committee formed to look at discretionary funding has made the recommendation to the State Board to not make any changes. The next step is the State Board sub-committee on finance will be looking at the full allocation process and will make their recommendation to the State Board in time for the SFY16-18 strategic planning process.

Call to the Public

No calls to the public.

Disclosure of Conflicts

No conflict disclosures.

Presentation, Discussion and Approval of December 11, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Member Northup moved to approve the December 11, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Member Grugel seconded. Motion passed.

Presentation and Review of DRAFT Funding Plan for SFY15 to be Presented to State Board January 21-22, 2014

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the Draft Funding Plan as it will be presented to the State Board in January. She went through the plan with the Council explaining the format and how changes from SFY2014 are noted and explained.

Navajo/Apache Regional Program Updates

Parent Outreach and Awareness

Margine Bawden presented the update for the Parent Outreach and Awareness Nutrition strategy. She said they are nearly half way through their target service numbers. She said a big challenge was they did not get started until August, however they have held 32 workshops and plan to meet their goal. They have attended 4 community events and seen 175 adults and 135 children.

Lynnda Cahoon reported for the Early Literacy Strategy. She said they already reached halfway on their books. She said at the beginning of the strategy it was hard to get a foot in the door, now it seems everyone wants them at their events! They had a target of 50 workshops and have already done 53.

Oral Health/Teledentistry

Mary Tyler reported for the Oral Health Strategy. She said that they have expanded to new locations including the WIC locations and are reaching more children, as well as having a presence in the small communities. They have also been working with new daycare providers. Ms. Tyler also reported that Teledentistry is going forward; they have already done 4 events with a positive response. Another plus is they have been able to work with families to get them a dental home for follow up and future appointments.

Presentation and Discussion of Possible Adoption of Court Teams Strategy for SFY 2016 - -SFY 2018

Regional Director Dobler-Allen provided the Council with information about the Court Teams Strategy. She said that much of needed infrastructure to accommodate this strategy has already been done within the court system. This strategy would provide Best Practices support for children 0-5 who come into the court system. Some points to consider are that it would require one full time employee (FTE) and the Council would need to ensure funding sustainability to continue the work for more than one fiscal year. There was discussion about the need to have services in place the day children come in to the court system and also that there is a significant lack of professional development opportunity in the Region for attorneys, CPS workers, foster parents, and others who work with at risk children. The Council directed Regional Director Dobler-Allen to include this strategy in the SFY16-18 strategic planning discussion.

Presentation and Review of Community Outreach Report

Michelle Pansulla, Community Outreach Coordinator, presented her outreach report. The presentation was a Google map, interactive presentation that showed on the map the places the Community Outreach Coordinator has visited over the last few months. This provided the Council with a visual reference to what parts of the Navajo Apache Region she was able to reach. Ms. Pansulla also reported on her activities and provided the Council with information about the goals set for Outreach Coordinators statewide.

Regional Director's Report

Monthly Report

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented her report of her monthly activities. She added that she will be attending a couple of additional meetings that were added after she made the schedule, including being on the planning committee for the victims' rights symposium. She also mentioned the topics for the next grantee meeting on January 15, 2014.

Financial Reports

Regional Director Dobler-Allen went through the Funding Plan Summary and Contract Detail reports for January. She said that there is a backlog from the holidays in processing reimbursements but that should be getting caught up shortly. She explained a discrepancy in the amount approved to the amount awarded for Needs and Assets. The balance will be for invoices that will not be appearing until SFY2015.

Update on Regional Partnership Council Recruitment

Regional Director Dobler-Allen said that there is an applicant for the Philanthropic seat, leaving two at large, a K-12 provider and a child care provider seats to be filled. Applications need to be completed and received by April 11, 2014 for the seats that expire in June, 2014. She also reported that Linda Thompson, who had the Faith Based seat, has resigned. That seat is open and the term expires June 30, 2016. The person who fills this seat will complete the existing two year term and could be seated as soon as the April Board meeting if the application is received in time and that person could be seated as soon as May, 2014.

Regional Director Dobler-Allen also reported on the progress of the REWARD\$ strategy, she said information from the grantee showed that half of the funding was awarded on the first day of fall enrollment, and the rest will be awarded for the spring enrollment.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjourn – next meeting scheduled for February 12, 2014 in Snowflake

Chair Mannis asked for a motion to adjourn, Member Northup moved to adjourn, Member Grugel seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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Kalman Mannis, Chair



Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director